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## OVER \$53 MILLION DISTRIBUTED TO STATES FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION AND HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAMS

Distribution to the States of \$53,145,000 in Federal aid for fish and wildlife restoration and for hunter safety programs was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton.

Of the total distributed, \$12,100,000 is for sport fish restoration, \$37,263,500 for wildlife restoration, and \$3,781,500 for hunter safety programs. These amounts include preliminary apportionments made in June 1972.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on certain articles of fishing tackle. Distribution is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. Activities performed by the States include acquisition of land and water areas, construction and rehabilitation of lakes, development of access sites and facilities for fishermen, and research to aid in management of sport fisheries.

Wildlife restoration funds are derived from the 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition and the 10 percent excise tax on pistols and revolvers. The distribution for wildlife restoration is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the area of each State. These funds may be used on approved State wildlife projects which include acquisition of land suitable for habitat, development and manipulation of habitat, and research to aid in managing game species.

Distribution of hunter safety funds is based on the relative population of each State and may be used for State hunter safety programs, including construction, operation, and maintenance of public outdoor target ranges. The States, however, may use these funds for wildlife restoration projects also.

The attached tables show the distribution of funds for fiscal year 1973.

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Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1973

	<u>Wildlife</u> <u>Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter</u> <u>Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 668,272	\$ 95,216	\$ 763,488
Alaska	1,863,175	37,815	1,900,990
Arizona	863,186	37,815	901,001
Arkansas	635,739	37,815	673,554
California	1,757,387	113,445	1,870,832
Colorado	940,099	61,021	1,001,120
Connecticut	186,317	83,827	270,144
Delaware	186,317	37,815	224,132
Florida	622,071	113,445	735,516
Georgia	701,839	113,445	815,284
Hawaii	186,317	37,815	224,132
Idaho	732,058	37,815	769,873
Illinois	827,985	113,445	941,430
Indiana	732,225	113,445	845,670
Iowa	706,504	78,100	784,604
Kansas	737,170	62,177	799,347
Kentucky	533,400	89,000	622,400
Louisiana	664,875	100,718	765,593
Maine	434,144	37,815	471,959
Maryland	272,632	108,437	381,069
Massachusetts	186,317	113,445	299,762
Michigan	1,367,036	113,445	1,480,481
Minnesota	905,269	105,193	1,010,462
Mississippi	599,938	61,288	661,226
Missouri	959,997	113,445	1,073,442
Montana	1,067,573	37,815	1,105,388
Nebraska	666,482	37,815	704,297
Nevada	720,241	37,815	758,056
New Hampshire	186,317	37,815	224,132
New Jersey	259,986	113,445	373,431
New Mexico	844,195	37,815	882,010
New York	1,114,473	113,445	1,227,918
North Carolina	754,402	113,445	867,847
North Dakota	512,353	37,815	550,168
Ohio	858,371	113,445	971,816
Oklahoma	706,293	70,752	777,045
Oregon	953,644	57,817	1,011,461
Pennsylvania	1,536,342	113,445	1,649,787
Rhode Island	186,317	37,815	224,132
South Carolina	393,756	71,616	465,372
South Dakota	617,956	37,815	655,771
Tennessee	728,896	108,485	837,381
Texas	1,863,175	113,445	1,976,620
Utah	761,140	37,815	798,955
Vermont	217,905	37,815	255,720
Virginia	699,115	113,445	812,560
Washington	765,513	94,248	859,761
West Virginia	423,340	37,815	461,155
Wisconsin	1,021,411	113,445	1,134,856
Wyoming	823,506	37,815	861,321
Guam	62,106		62,106
Puerto Rico	186,317		186,317
Virgin Islands	62,106		62,106
Total	\$37,263,500	\$3,781,500	\$41,045,000

Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1973

Alabama	\$ 206,769
Alaska	605,000
Arizona	249,123
Arkansas	243,722
California	605,000
Colorado	293,638
Connecticut	121,000
Delaware	121,000
Florida	298,474
Georgia	244,445
Hawaii	121,000
Idaho	209,395
Illinois	284,521
Indiana	234,909
Iowa	197,466
Kansas	206,386
Kentucky	187,402
Louisiana	159,719
Maine	121,000
Maryland	121,000
Massachusetts	121,000
Michigan	415,369
Minnesota	481,782
Mississippi	161,931
Missouri	308,807
Montana	265,887
Nebraska	166,355
Nevada	183,781
New Hampshire	121,000
New Jersey	121,000
New Mexico	210,674
New York	277,715
North Carolina	192,168
North Dakota	121,000
Ohio	283,530
Oklahoma	261,042
Oregon	297,994
Pennsylvania	270,238
Rhode Island	121,000
South Carolina	130,611
South Dakota	152,749
Tennessee	289,635
Texas	605,000
Utah	210,374
Vermont	121,000
Virginia	175,703
Washington	221,290
West Virginia	121,000
Wisconsin	429,884
Wyoming	187,513
American Samoa	40,333
Guam	40,333
Puerto Rico	121,000
Virgin Islands	40,333
Total	12,100,000